



## **Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget**

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**6 VAC 20-60 – Rules Relating to Compulsory Minimum Training Standards for Dispatchers**  
**Department of Criminal Justice Services**  
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### **Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation**

The proposed regulations will 1) reduce the number of the Dispatcher Curriculum Review Committee from 13 to 9, 2) transfer the approval authority of the performance outcomes from the Criminal Justice Services Board to its standing committee on training, and 3) remove the performance outcomes from the regulations.

### **Result of Analysis**

The benefits likely exceed the costs for all proposed changes.

### **Estimated Economic Impact**

Criminal Justice Services Board proposes to reduce the number of the Dispatcher Curriculum Review Committee from 13 to 9. According to the Department of Criminal Justice Services, it has been somewhat challenging to make sure that at least seven committee members are present at annual meetings so that decisions could be made. With the proposed reduction, only five members will be needed to approve decisions. In addition to the improved efficiency in decision making, approximately \$1,000 is expected to be saved in terms of reduced reimbursable costs such as travel, lodging, and meal expenses as the number of members whose expenses are reimbursed is reduced.

Also, the board proposes to transfer the approval authority of the performance outcomes from the Criminal Justice Services Board to its standing committee on training. The proposed change will streamline the process by removing a redundant step in how the performance outcomes are approved.

Finally, the board proposes to remove the performance outcomes from the regulations. This change will allow the standing committee on training to update the standards as needed without having to go through the regulatory process. To ensure accessibility of these standards to regulated entities and public, the board will continue to publish them on its website.

### **Businesses and Entities Affected**

There are approximately 3,300 dispatchers in Virginia.

### **Localities Particularly Affected**

The proposed regulations apply throughout the Commonwealth.

### **Projected Impact on Employment**

No significant effect on employment is expected.

### **Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property**

No significant effect on the use and value of private property is expected.

### **Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects**

No significant direct costs or other effects on small businesses are expected.

### **Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact**

The proposed regulations do not have a direct adverse impact on small businesses.

### **Real Estate Development Costs**

No significant effect on real estate development costs is expected.

### **Legal Mandate**

The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 2.2-4007.H of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 36 (06). Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact analyses include, but need not be limited to, the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the regulation would apply, the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and the impact on the use and value of private property. Further, if the proposed

regulation has adverse effect on small businesses, Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact analyses include (i) an identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the regulation; (ii) the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with the regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparing required reports and other documents; (iii) a statement of the probable effect of the regulation on affected small businesses; and (iv) a description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the regulation. The analysis presented above represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.